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The Pearl Diver.

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Agile Henry Cat finds great pleasure riding a surf board over the billowy waves. His board is towed by Milton Mouse who rows his little boat at high speed. The little rodent has complete control over his oars! So, when the fish traffic cop turns the "Stop" sign against him, Milton stops within two boat lengths to let a Leviathan glide past. A few minutes later, however, Milton rows so fast that he can't stop in time to avoid running into a giant steamship. The velocity of Milton and Henry's travel is so great that they go right through the bow of the boat. With a sudden lurch, the big greyhound sinks to her doom and the surface is dotted with bootleggers' bottles. Willie Whale is swimming about and he sees the athletic Cat and Mouse skimming over the sea. With prospects of a tasty meal the Whale pursues the land creatures. To escape the big fish, Milton throws an anchor overboard and is dragged to the bottom of the sea. Henry falls off his board and runs for dear life with Willie in close pursuit. After a close race Henry reaches land and safety. Meanwhile, Milton releases his boat from the surf board and anchor and rises to the surface. A heavy sea throws the little craft against a rock and wrecks it. Milton is tossed about and is dropped exhausted upon the rock. Henry Cat observes his pal from land and shoots out a life-line and saves him. Then the adventurous pair decide to become pearl divers. They procure a diver's suit and after much persuasion Milton agrees to go below. Henry pushes Milton and the suit to the end of a wharf and the Cat pumps air to his companion. Milton lands amid the oyster beds where the shelled folk lie asleep beneath fancy quilts. While Milton endeavors to extract some pearls, Fanny Cat comes out on the wharf and flirts with Henry. He forgets to pump air and Milton cries "Air, Help!" To avoid suffocation, Milton comes out of the diver's suit, and just as he is about to steal a pearl a fish starts after him. When the fish is about to snap Milton within his jaws a slightly larger fish swallows him. Then the larger fish gives chase to Milton and he in turn is swallowed by a yet larger fish. After this happens a number of times, the end of the line of fish is reached and the biggest fish of all puts out his fin and "shakes hands" with Milton for baiting all the other fish. As a token of gratitude, the fish takes Milton upon his back and carries him back to the oyster beds. Meanwhile the air pump has fallen off the wharf and Henry is distracted not so much at losing his pal as the pearls he might have had. Milton uses tact with the oysters and ties six of the beds together. Then he pulls them after him to shore. When Henry sees Milton with the valuable oysters he starts after him. But Milton beats him to the Pearl Shop and the little mouse escapes with his monetary reward before the flirtatious Cat can catch him. Milton's success makes Henry realize full well the truth of the "Aesop's Film Fables" moral, "You Can't Keep A Good Man Down."

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